

**PLUMAS COUNTY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**  
**SOLID WASTE DIVISION**

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**AGENDA REQUEST**

for the June 16, 2020 Meeting of the Board of Supervisors

**June 8, 2020**

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: Robert Perreault, Director of Public Works



Subject: Consideration of a proposed Rate Increase of 3.84% for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities (within Franchise Area No. 2), as operated by franchise contractor Intermountain Disposal, Inc.

**PREFACE:**

*The primary purpose of this Agenda Request, in compliance with Proposition 218, is to enable the Board of Supervisors to:*

- 1. Receive a report and recommendations from the Department of Public Works pertaining to a Rate Increase of 3.84% for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities (within Franchise Area No. 2), as operated by franchise contractor Intermountain Disposal, Inc.(IMD)*
- 2. Enable commentary by the franchise contractor, Intermountain Disposal, Inc.*
- 3. Open a Public Hearing and enable commentary by the general public and other governmental officials, if any. Receive and tabulate any written protests against the proposed fees by customers. Close Public Hearing.*
- 4. Consider the adoption of the attached, proposed Resolution to Increase Rates by 3.84% for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities (within Franchise Area No. 2), as operated by franchise contractor Intermountain Disposal, Inc.*

**BACKGROUND:**

**2019:**

On or about March 15, 2020, Intermountain Disposal Inc. did submit an Audited, Financial Statement for the Period Ending December 31, 2019. Public Works staff reviewed the audited financial statement and subsequently forwarded the documentation to the County's solid waste consultant, the R3 Consulting Group, requesting that R3 apply the Refuse Rate Increase (RRI) procedure, as set forth in the replacement Franchise Agreement executed on March 21, 2017. The R3 Consulting Group reviewed the audited financial statement and concluded that IMD was entitled to a solid waste fee increase in the amount of 3.84%.

**PROPOSED RATE INCREASE SUMMARY FOR IMD:**

The cumulative proposed fee increases described above are summarized as follows:

- 3.84% (residential collection) and
  - 3.84% (commercial collection) and
  - 3.84% (residential and commercial customers self-hauling to transfer stations).
- Note: This Agenda Request does not pertain to the transfer stations, and the proposed 3.84% rate increase to be considered by the Board of Supervisors*

**CONSIDERATION BY THE SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE**

On June 11, 2020, the Plumas County Integrated Waste Management Task Force will conduct a Solid Waste Task Force Meeting to consider these proposed fee increase matters and develop "advice" for consideration by the Board of Supervisors. On June 11, 2020, the Solid Waste Task Force will vote for, or against, recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The outcome, and recommendations of the Solid Waste Task Force meeting, will be made public at the public hearing scheduled for June 16, 2020.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

On April 24, 2020, Plumas County Public Works, Solid Waste Division implemented the public notification actions associated with the Prop 218 proposed Rate Increase for disposal of solid waste as operated by franchise contractor Intermountain Disposal, Inc. (serving Franchise Area No. 2) for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities. On May 1, 2020, the Intermountain Disposal Inc. mailed notices of a public hearing to 1395 Customers and property owners paying fees for residential and commercial customers under contract for curbside pickup and disposal of solid waste that detailed proposed rate adjustments and provided internet links to a listing of pertinent rate increase-related documents.

## **PUBLIC DOCUMENTS**

In addition to the enclosures listed below, the following documents are pertinent to this Rate Increase:

- 2019 IMD Audited Financial Statements
- 2019 IMD Franchise Agreement Annual Reporting
- 2020 Refuse Rate Index (RRI) Adjustments, Dated April 5, 2020
- IMD Proposed 2020 Rate Adjustment Exhibit A
- Resolution No. 20-8469 Resolved Resolution 19-8422 as corrected (attached Exhibit "A")
- IMD 2013 Rate Increase, Ordinance 13-1093, dated September 17, 2013

Copies of the above documents are available for public viewing, during normal office hours, at:

- Department of Public Works Headquarters Building  
1834 E Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971,  
between the hours of 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday, or
- Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
520 Main Street, Room # 309, Quincy, CA 95971,  
between the hours of 8am – 5pm, Monday through Friday, or
- May be viewed on the Plumas County website at:  
<https://ca-plumascounty2.civicplus.com/2616/17509/Public-Documents>

## **RESOLUTION OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE**

For the time period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, Public Works staff, with the assistance of R3 Consulting Group, has calculated a proposed cumulative rate increase of 3.84% for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities (within Franchise Area No. 2), as operated by franchise contractor Intermountain Disposal.

It is noted that the last rate increase authorized for IMD for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 6, 2019, and furthermore revised by Resolution 20-2469 by the Board of Supervisors on February 18, 2020.



**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Director of Public Works respectfully recommends that, unless it is determined that there are timely written protests by *greater than* fifty percent of current collection route customers, it is respectfully recommended that the Board of Supervisors vote to adopt the attached, proposed Rate Increase Resolution for solid waste services related to collection fees, which shall cover door-to-door collection, transfer, hauling and ultimate disposal activities (within Franchise Area No. 2), as operated by franchise contractor Intermountain Disposal.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING: (1395 Copies mailed on May 1, 2020)
- Proposed Resolution for Collections Rate Increase for Franchise Service Area No. 2